

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the West Point Town Hall. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise, the Sauk Prairie Star, posted in the three designated places in the town and on the town's web site.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Dean Schwarz, Town Chair, at 7:00 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd, Supervisor Ashley Nedeau-Owen -3rd Supervisor, and Matt Zeman -4th Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman-Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the agenda and move items around if needed, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – Leonard Skowronski, N2115 State Road 188, expressed concerns on how a cable company dug by the road and pushed the dirt and gravel onto his driveway.

Copies of the January 14th, 2016 Caucus minutes & January 14th, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the January 14th, 2016 Caucus minutes as presented, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the January 14th, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes with corrections, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of January 31, 2016 - \$1,918,603.71; Park Fund \$1,386.57; Historical Society is \$3,884.70; Ferry Landing Pier Project - \$1000.50 and Savannah Tree is \$2,152.01 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/16). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of January.

Correspondence – There will be a meeting of the Columbia County Unit of WTA on February 29 at 7:00pm in the Law Enforcement Center, Portage. The Town received a letter from Merrimac Communications concerning their personal property

taxes. Columbia County Planning & Zoning will be having a public hearing on March 1st concerning the Kruchten property and the Davis Brother property. Roberta Arnold sent a letter to the Town suggesting the Town look into forming a joint police department serving the Town of West Point, Town of Lodi, and City of Lodi.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2016 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by John Miller to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen - motion carried unanimously.

Tim and Daci Pfeil owners of parcels #11040-13 & #11040-19.03 on Lake Drive requested a 2-lot land division through a CSM and rezoning of their property. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the CSM subject to the deed covenants suggested by the Town Attorney, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to recommend to Columbia County that the new Lot 1 be rezoned from A-1 to R-1 and the new Lot 2 be rezoned to A-1 with A-4 overlay, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to amend the Future Land Use Map in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan to show Lot 2 as Ag and Lot 1 as residential and to recommend to Columbia County their Comprehensive Plan be amended to be consistent with the Town of West Point’s Comprehensive Plan, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Raine Gardiner, MSA, will bring new designs for pier for the Ferry Landing at the March meeting.

The transfer site workers have requested a raise of at least \$2.00 to \$3.00 per hour from Columbia County; the County gave each of them a \$1.00 per hour raise. Greg Kaminski, Columbia County Solid Waste Director, attended the Town meeting and stated if the Town wanted to take over as the employers of the Transfer Site workers he would redo the contract and take out the cost to the Town to pay the workers, including a raise, workers comp, and employer taxes. The Town needs to check with the Town Attorney to see if the Town electors need to vote on having Town employees. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to have the Town take the responsibility of the Transfer Site employees from Columbia County at \$13.00 per hour after the Town talks to the Town Attorney and to renegotiate the contract with Columbia County for the solid waste, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to renew the Cropland Contract for east of the Town Hall with Howard Hartman for 3 years with a soil test to be performed, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz for the Chairman to look at the Joint Lodi Fire and Ambulance agreement and have the discussion of the City of Lodi not paying there portion of the Fire / Ambulance budget be on the Joint Meeting this fall, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

The Town received an “offer to purchase” for the spite strip on Fjord Road. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to postpone until we find out more information on the future plans, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

The Town has been looking into buying signs acknowledging the West Point AEA participants. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to order 6 double sided AEA signs from Bernie Poff and the Town will not provide the posts to the farmers, 2nd by Matt Zeman – yes 3; no 0; abstain 2 – motion carried.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to order 6 single sided “Welcome to West Point” signs from Bernie Poff, 2nd by John Miller –motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to contact Jon Ballweg about the brushing being done by Columbia County, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee –no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported he was not able to attend the last meeting but they had talked about needing a building to store equipment and they are working on an agreement for fighting fires at Ho-Chunk.

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported the Plan Commission recommended for approval for the land division and rezoning for the Pfeil

property. There was an informal presentation from Janell Burchard about her property.

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller stated they are starting to frame the inside of the building.

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman made the signs for the dumpsters.

Lodi EMS Committee – The Town received approved minutes from December 10, 2015 and January 21st from the Lodi Area Emergency Medical Commission. The Town received the Directors report from October 15, November 19, and December 10, 2015.

Open Space Committee – Dean Schwarz stated the last meeting was cancelled but they are working on a draft letter to the FCM Lake District.

Columbia County Report – no report

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – no report

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen and Darrell Lehman are going to attend a meeting in Stevens Point about broadband.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: Transfer Site, Ferry Landing Pier, Town roads, Spite Strip on Fjord Road, Wisconsin River Alliance presentation, work on information for Resolution for November Election, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the February 11, 2016 town board meeting at 9:05 pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk